

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CENSUS DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The responsibilities of the Census Data Advisory Committee are found in IC 2-5-19-19 which reads as follows:

"Sec. 19. The committee shall do the following:

(1) Advise and assist the Bureau of the Census in the preparation and organization of decennial census data for use by the general assembly in reapportioning the following:

(A) The house of representatives of the general assembly.

(B) The senate of the general assembly.

(C) The United States House of Representatives.

(2) Work with the Bureau of the Census in defining the boundaries of census blocks in Indiana.

(3) Coordinate Indiana's efforts to obtain an accurate population count in each decennial census.

(4) Work with other state and federal agencies to assist in the local review program conducted in Indiana.

(5) Work with the code revision commission to prepare legislation for introduction in the regular session of the general assembly that meets during the year of the effective date of the decennial census under IC 1-1-3.5 to propose amendments to Indiana law to reflect the population information obtained as a result of the decennial census.

(6) Study costs and other relevant aspects of acquisition by the state of a geographic information system.

(7) Make recommendations concerning changes or amendments to IC 3 (the elections code) to the general assembly.".

II. INTRODUCTION

Due to the following factors, the Committee had an abbreviated agenda for the 2002 Interim:

(1) Although there may be residual issues resulting from the 2002 Decennial Census, Census-related work generally has been completed.

(2) The Legislative Council did not assign issues to the Committee to consider.

(3) The General Assembly had extended session work during 2002.

The Committee did meet to consider election law issues raised by the Indiana Election Division.

III. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Committee met on September 24, 2002 to consider information provided by the Indiana Election Division.

IV. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee heard testimony from members of the staff of the Indiana Election Division.

The Committee also considered Preliminary Draft (PD) 3382 that made changes in election law in the following areas: (1) Voting systems. (2) The election division budget. (3) Training election workers. (4) Challengers. (5) Precinct committeemen and state convention delegates. (6) Voter registration. (7) Party affiliation and certification of candidates. (8) Certification of election results. (9) Recounts and challenges. (10) Campaign finance reports. (10) Disabled voters. (11) Sample ballots. (12) School board tax referenda.

V. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following recommendations:

Concerning various changes in election law the Committee makes the following recommendation:¹

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly enact PD 3382 with the following changes:

1. Delete SECTIONS 13 and 35.
2. On page 19, line 22 of PD 3382 strike "one (1) day".

The Committee members present at the meeting on September 24, 2002 adopted a motion to approve this final report.²

1. The Committee adopted this motion by a vote of 5-0. The following members voted in favor of this recommendation: Representative Kromkowski, Representative Behning, Senator Breaux, Representative Cheney, and Senator Landske.

2. The Committee adopted this motion by a vote of 5-0. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Representative Kromkowski, Representative Behning, Senator Breaux, Representative Cheney, and Senator Landske.

WITNESS LIST

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